

# Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

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Date: 1/28/2019 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Arrival: 10:30 AM Departure: 11:25 AM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation					
01/28/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing			
04/25/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing			
12/28/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing			

**Compliance Zone Designation** - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient.

Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting

the rules.

Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting

rules.

Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting

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#### Ratios/License Capacity

Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	0	0	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	0	1	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	3	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	0	5	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	0		-	-	-

Children Present: 0 Total Children: 5

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2

#### Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/28/2019

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).



Please refer to the website, <a href="http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx">http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</a>, for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licensed child care programs on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's website located at http://gbi.georgia.gov to access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry.

#### Refutation Process:

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@decal.ga.gov.

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <a href="http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx">http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx</a>

Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.

Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients. If you do not have this liability insurance, you are required to post a notice with ½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, notify the parent or guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain their signature to acknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledgment on file at the program at all times while the child attends the program and for 12 months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-4)





## **Important New Deadlines:**

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <a href="https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/">https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/</a>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or <a href="mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov">qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a>

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## **Findings Report**

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### The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

# **Activities and Equipment** 290-2-3-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR) Met Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable. 290-2-3-.19 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR) N/A Comment Currently the provider is not caring for infants. (This rule was not evaluated on this date) Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date) 290-2-3-.07 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) N/A Comment There is no pool on the property Facility 290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) Met Comment No hazards observed accessible to children on this date. 290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR) Met Comment The Home appears clean and free from hazards. 290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR) Met

#### Comment

There is no pool on the property Outdoor area in good repair.

## **Health and Hygiene**

## 290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

## 290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

N/A

#### Comment

There are no diapered children currently enrolled in the program.

## 290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Medication was not dispensed.

Licensure

## 290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Children were not in care.

# **Safety and Discipline**

## 290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

#### 290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)

Defer

#### Defer

290-2-3-.11(2)(m) -There were no children currently in care. This rule will be evaluated on the next visit report.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain copies of parental authorizations and maintain them in the vehicle. The vehicle emergency form was provided.

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2018

Staff Records

## 290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)

**Not Met** 

#### Comment

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Provider stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

## Finding

290-2-3-.21(1)(m)3. requires that a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination be completed for the Provider and each Employee and Provisional Employee at least once every five years. It was determined based on the observation of staff records that the Director did not obtain new fingerprints before the five year expiration.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that a recheck is conducted as required.

Correction Deadline: 1/28/2019

290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)

Met

## Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

# **Staff: Child Ratios and Supervision**

## 290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)